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REMARKS

Claims 10 and 14 have been amended. New claims 19 and 20 have been added. Support for the new claims appears in the original specification, including ¶¶ [0038], [0043], [0045], [0049], [0051] and [0055]. The application as amended contains claims 10-20. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this and other applications.

Claims 10, 11, 13-16 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Akihiro. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 10, as amended, recites an apparatus for recording information on a medium that is "formatted in such a manner that, for an area for which access is made only at a time of recording operation, at least one inconsecutive portion at which an address becomes inconsecutive with respect to a physical arrangement of sectors is provided." The apparatus of claim 10, as amended, has a detection part detecting as to whether or not "the inconsecutive portion occurs in the . . . medium." Akihiro refers to a system in which continuity of an address is lost due to focus error or mechanical shock. Akihiro fails to disclose or suggest the detection part of claim 10, as amended.

Claims 11-13 depend from claim 10 and should be allowable along with claim 10 and for other reasons.

Independent claim 14, as amended, recites limitations similar to those discussed above, and should be allowable along with claim 10 and for other reasons.

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Claim 15, as amended, recites a method of recording information on a medium that is "formatted in such a manner that, for an area for which access is made only at a time of recording operation, at least one inconsecutive portion at which an address becomes inconsecutive with respect to a physical arrangement of sectors is provided." The claimed method includes the step of "detecting as to whether or not the inconsecutive portion occurs in the . . . medium." For reasons similar to those discussed above, claim 15, as amended, should be allowable over the art of record.

Claims 16-18 depend from claim 15 and should be allowable along with claim 15 and for other reasons.

Allowance of the application with claims 10-20 is solicited.

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